

A strange experience

SIR, — The article about UFO sightings in South Wales (April 8) interested me as I was born and brought up in South Wales. My brother and I had a strange experience.

It must have been in about the late 1920's or early 30's. We can't remember the exact time as our parents encouraged us to try and forget.

We lived at that time in 17 Fife Street, Abercynon, the children of an overman down the pit.

I was awakened one night by what I thought was the overhead electric light being switched on. Thinking my mother had come into the room, I pulled the bedclothes over my head as the light

hurt my eyes. After a while I realised I couldn't hear anyone, so sat up in bed.

Through the open window I could see right up the mountain as bright as day. I had never seen such brightness, and being only about 10 years of age, I was terrified.

I tried to shout for my mother, and to wake up my sisters but no voice would come out.

Then I heard movement... from the boys' room. My brother Dewi, then about 15, had got out of bed thinking he had left the light on and crossed the room to switch it off. Feeling more secure knowing someone else was awake I

called to him, and he was just as frightened as me. Then as we talked the light just switched off. There was no noise, just utter silence.

For a while I was afraid to go to bed at nights after that. Our father made extensive inquiries, but no one else had seen anything. He even looked around for signs of a meteorite landing somewhere.

So you see, although we knew nothing about UFOs in those days, *they* knew about South Wales.

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